



Update on Envision

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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- in Whatcom County
- especially within the downtown culture of Bellingham
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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Look What the Lord Has Done in 2020! Celebrate with us!

Right in the beginning of January of 2020 the Lord opened a door for us to start an outreach to Bellingham Technical College on the first Tuesday of the every month.

And it was in our January newsletter that **we celebrated the baptism of our friend Ken**, that we had been able to do Christmas caroling on street nights, and followed up with some folks that received Bibles too.

The Lord led our Board to incorporate Jon Ng's Summit house into our mission as a ministry and not just to start another non-profit. From there as the year progressed **we graduated three men from the Summit house**, which was such a joy as well!

We also searched a long while for a director, waiting for the program to be able to open to more men because of COVID. And the **Lord provided an apprentice director for us named Miles Davis** as well as providing **three new students with more applicants on the way**. A sponsor stepped forward to help one of these men for three months while he looks for work. Jim Stitt from 1st Reformed Church leads our 12 step and others are already helping us with more. We're so thankful, though lately there have been some rough adjustments with one of our graduates prematurely leaving the program, one of the successes of that has been to see him finding his support system in his church while he works and looks for another place to live. **We would ask you if you would pray about becoming a discipleship partner for men in the program so that they also will have a strong support system. That could mean simply having coffee for an hour once a week or every other week.** Let us know if interested (360) 392-0289. One of our graduates has become a Resident Assistant there and we've seen amazing transformation in the men's lives and we pray they will continue to transform more.

God opened the door for us to share the Gospel with a room full of people, even though one of our dear friends **from Lincoln Square** passed away tragically. The LORD made it an opportunity for the Gospel and a way for us and our friends there to grieve.

He also opened doors for us to help folks with various practical needs, whether counseling, clothes for the homeless, and **y'all have been so generous that we had to ask folks to stop giving us socks even!**

The **LORD has also provided such a wonderful staff and volunteers:** Bernie Brower faithfully serves with us on street nights, prayer meetings, and house church with his dear wife Mary. Mitzie Crosser has served with hospitality, giving rides, visiting the lonely and helping at the Jesus Gathering. Jon Ng served with us at the Summit house and continued to be part of our house church network even after moving on to full time work at the Lighthouse Mission. Jeff Grothe volunteers with street night faithfully every month, helps with BTC outreach and is also part of the Jesus Gathering house church network, recently appointed as an elder among us. He also started a new group called Multiply Bellingham that brings together house church and missional thinkers to imagine outreach in this county. Peter Rust has come aboard as a

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Board:

Elders and their wives:

Mitchell and Rochelle Senti,
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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”
Ephesians 3:20-21

We appreciate your generosity so much! (Mitchell doesn't see how much each of you gives, but he sees who gives.)

If you'd like to make a donation, please send checks to: Envision Mission, 710 E. Sunset, Bellingham, WA 98225

Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

self-supported missionary to lead BTC SALT our college outreach. We hired Miles Davis to work with the Summit House. James Sweet has worked as a volunteer as our intern from Trinity Western University, helping us create the Jesus Study curriculum as well as creating his own discipleship curriculum. He has also started a discipleship group himself at his workplace, learning and helping us learn a lot along the way. We don't have space to go into detail about other volunteers: Missy Taylor, Mark Tarbell, Sopajay Campbell and many others! It was truly the year of teamwork!

Folks recommitted their lives to Christ and joined us on Zoom, we partnered with the Volunteers of America and local deacons to help individuals who were struggling during the lockdown, reached out to neighbors, saw God move in miraculous ways to connect us to the lost and hurting, had house church and Jesus Studies at parks and gathered outside of Hope in Christ for the Jesus Gathering monthly.

The LORD provided another CD this year from the Senti family, who also did a concert on Youtube which was attended by many and raised nearly \$1000 for Envision.

We had a baptism on August 9 at the Jesus Gathering and an immersion affirming the baptism of another.

The LORD helped us continue to do outreach on the streets sharing the Gospel over and over again, praying with folks, handing out socks and other items. YWAM put together kits for us to share with the homeless. More recently we prayed over a man oppressed by demons right on the streets, ministered to two young ladies homeless in the rain, shared hope with the hurting and we were joined by Jeff's house church, folks from 1st CRC, and My Church.

We have struggled emotionally at times this year as have many of you also. Please keep us in prayer as staff/volunteers. It was disappointing to put the call out for help with leadership and receive so little response, but we believe that God will provide and ask you to pray for us in this as well. Presently **we do need another sponsor for one of the men at the house** and we especially need discipleship partners to come alongside some of the men. We will also need a teacher for our Safe People curriculum, so **pray the Lord raises up workers for us and consider whether you might be one of them!**

We could also use a **Coleman stove and a little cooler for a fellow living in his car** that is working construction, going to church regularly, but needs to bring down his food costs so he can save up enough to rent an apartment.

God has been so good to us and we thank you all for partnering with us in the Gospel!

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night second and Tuesday this month w/caroling (5:45-7:15pm), starts at 1st Baptist on Flora St.

Wednesday: Jesus Study at the Summit House (5pm)

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center (3-5pm)

Saturday: Jeff's House church at Bruce's at (11am) House church at the Gray's (10am)

Sunday: House church meetings at Rust's (10am) Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ on the 2nd Sunday of each month (5pm) House church at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)